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Dear Wife — I have only time for a single word. I have other writing to do to day, enough to occupy two whole days - making out report of Convention &c. Convention has gone off for the most part well. A state society is formed auxiliary to the American & on the principles "that slaveholding is a heinous crime against God & man, & therefore that Immediate Emancipation without the condition of expatriation is the duty of the master & the right of the slave". So you see we have secured our main points. The convention was large - more than a hundred - & characterised by entire unanimity, good feeling & more than all a holy determination to proclaim to the colored man of the North an Immediate, entire & everlasting emancipation from ungodly prejudice, & thenceforth to recognize in every colored man a neighbor & a brother in the fullest sense of the terms. There was a little shrinking - a little fear about taking the bull by the horns & toeing the mark fully on all points. I think however there is no fear that our friends here will stand firm to all our great principles. Maine will go "en masse" with us & for us. God be thanked for it all.

In regard to my return, I shall come as soon as I can but not so soon as the first of November. It is all important that as many local Societies should be formed forthwith as possible. We want to cover the ground with organizations, so that if our opponents start another, it shall be in opposition, & the charge of attack lie against them. We must put the "book on tother leg". Write me at Portland, care Gillette Winslow, about the note &c &c — A kiss to my dear boy & two to yourself, for I long to see you & assume you, but my master & suffering millions first — Your affect^e husband A. G. Shelby

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A. A. Phelps—
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